



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re The Application of: )  
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Serial No.: 10/696,963 )  
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ELASTIC OUTER POCKET )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 2, 2005, and with the Request for Continuing Examination filed on the date here-with. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.